EXHIBIT A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA (Harrisburg Division)

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SUPPLEMENTAL AND REBUTTAL EXPERT REPORT OF STEVE J. DEBRUYN, CPA

This report supplements my report dated July 22, 2002 and also addresses certain issues contained in the reports of Miller Coffey Tate LLP and The Brenner Group.

THE RESTATEMENTS IN GENERAL

My original report discloses numerous deficiencies in the audit procedures regarding the contracts in process. Therefore, to determine the potential effect on the financial statements for the respective years, I started with the contracts-in-process schedules from the supplemental financial statements of CCI Construction Company, Inc. "(CCI)" prepared by Brown Schultz. The restatements for both 1997 and 1998 are a result of recasting the contracts-in-process schedules for the those years. Exhibits I and III attached hereto are the recast schedules of CCI's contractin-process. Exhibits II and IV attached hereto are the original schedules reproduced from the audited financial statements of CCI for the respective years. Exhibit V attached hereto is the actual contracts-in-process schedule for the year ended December 31, 1999. The recast methodology used was similar to the "look back" method utilized by the Internal Revenue Service. The method involves recasting contracts-in-process in a given year from information obtained in a subsequent year. For example, if a contract was in process at the end of 1997 and subsequently completed in 1998, we recalculated, among other things, the 1997 percentage complete, revenue recognized and the profit and loss utilizing the actual numbers from the completed contract. As noted on the attached Exhibits I and III, there are a few exceptions. However, the methodology was consistently used to recast both 1997 and 1998 contracts-in-process schedule.

THE RESTATEMENT OF THE 1997 BROWN SCHULTZ AUDIT REPORT

I calculated the total estimated cost by using the "actual" gross profit percentage of the job when it was completed. There were two exceptions to this method. Job 439 was calculated estimating the loss as determined or estimated at December 31, 1997 by CCI. Job 451 was calculated using the original gross profit estimated by CCI. I then recalculated the percentage complete. which changed the over/under billings. For the 1997-year end, the effect on over/under billings and on the net income of CCI was \$815,960. Exhibit I details the revised calculations as well as reporting the differences between the recast and originally reported balances. The differences arose mainly due to the change in gross profit percentages from the 1997 estimates to the actual completed contracts. One job in particular (job 445), was reported as a projected loss on the original schedule of \$82, 956. When the job was completed in 1998, the actual loss was \$436,063. Brown Schultz' workpapers document that there were significant problems on the job with subcontractor defaults, although it is not evident that they substantiated management's representations by vouching to subcontractor agreements or reviewing subsequent costs. The job was 38% complete and because this showed a loss it should have alerted Brown Schultz that it was necessary to do some additional inquiry and audit testing. This also relates back to my comments made in my original report regarding Brown Schultz' undue reliance placed on management's assertions, their conscious decision not to include job costs in the review of subsequent disbursements and their decision to not test subcontractor costs.

THE RESTATEMENT OF THE 1998 BROWN SCHULTZ AUDIT REPORT

The same methodology was used as the 1997 approach by utilizing the "actual" or "revised" gross profit percentage from the completed contract schedule and contracts-in-process schedule prepared as of December 31, 1999. The 1998-year resulted in overstating income by \$3,126,508.

The two year cumulative effect on net income was \$3,942,467.

I chose to use the foregoing methodology for the following reasons:

- My contention is that due to lack of audit work, specifically with the testing of subcontractors, accumulated costs to complete and subsequent job costs, Brown Schultz did not have the opportunity to correctly ascertain the profit fade on the individual contracts.
- Brown Schultz should have taken into account the material profit fade from the 1997 jobs in connection with the 1998 audit work. However, the facts are that gross profit

percentages on several jobs were in excess of any historical amounts and well above the amounts originally estimated in the contracts by the contractor (CCI).

The process used to recast the earnings and estimate the misstatement in the 1997 and 1998 audited financial statements was, in my opinion, a conservative approach. The results using the above approach yielded material exceptions. The lack of audit procedures employed by Brown Schultz did not allow them the opportunity to ascertain the misstatements regardless of the amount. Even though I took a conservative approach by using actual results, the resulting differences were significant enough such that they have to relate back to the lack of effective audit procedures employed by Brown Schultz.

PCIC RECEIVABLE

To clarify my position and opinion on the PCIC transaction recorded in the 1998 financial statements in the amount of \$1,162,460. I believe that the amount should not have been recorded and disclosed as additional contract revenue and contract overbillings. In my 1998 recast contracts-in-process schedule I did not include the total contract amount for that specific job. In my opinion, the transaction did not meet the standards to be recorded as contract revenue. In addition, a more useful disclosure would have been to report the transaction as a separate line on the balance sheet of CCI indicating that it was a guarantee by the stockholder.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS ISSUES

My original report noted that the audit work for Brown Schultz for the years 1997 and 1998 did not conform to applicable standards of care of a Certified Public Accountant. For example, Generally Accepted Accounting Standards (GAAS) require "Due professional care is to be exercised in the performance of the audit and the preparation of the report" (source: SAS no.1, AU section 230). Included in this section is the fact that due professional care requires the auditor to exercise professional skepticism. Based on my review of the audit workpapers for the years 1996, 1997 and 1998, Brown Schultz failed to act with sufficient professional skepticism and was not diligent in evaluating the audit evidence. Furthermore, the first standard of fieldwork requires that the work "is adequately planned and properly supervised" (source: SAS no.22, AU section 311). As noted in my earlier report, Brown Schultz's planning documentation was virtually unchanged between 1996 - 1998. Brown Schultz failed to properly address the risk involved in the audit of CCI and, therefore, did not allow the firm to modify or change the audit procedures or approach. In addition, the third standard of fieldwork requires "sufficient competent evidential matter is to be obtained ..." (source: SAS no. 31, AU section 326). As a result of Brown Schultz' limiting the testing of accumulated job costs, subcontractor costs and subsequent

disbursement of job costs, Brown Schultz denied itself the opportunity to obtain all possible evidential matter available to properly perform the audit.

Dated: September 20, 2002

Steve J. DeBruyn, CPA

EXHIBIT B

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA (HARRISBURG DIVISION)

UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY, PLAINTIFF

NO. 1:01 CV 00813 (JUDGE KANE)

v.

BRUCE J. BROWN AND BROWN, SCHULTZ, SHERIDAN & FRITZ DEFENDANTS

EXPERT REPORT OF STEVE J. DeBRUYN, CPA

I am a Certified Public Accountant and am a Partner in the firm of Clifton Gunderson LLP. I also serve as the Construction Contractor Industry Group Leader for Clifton Gunderson LLP. A copy of my *Curriculum Vitae* is attached hereto as Exhibit "A." I am being compensated for my professional services at the rate of \$250 per hour.

I have been engaged by Bernkopf, Goodman & Baseman LLP to determine if I could render certain opinions concerning the audit procedures performed by and conclusions reached with respect to the audited financial statements prepared by Brown, Schultz, Sheridan & Fritz ("Brown Schultz") for CCI Construction Company, Inc. ("CCI") for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1996, 1997 and 1998. I have determined that I am able to render such opinions.

In connection with my engagement, I have reviewed the audit procedures and conclusions reached by Brown Schultz as they relate to that firm's audits of CCI for the calendar years ended in 1996, 1997 and 1998 (the "Audit Reports"). In particular, I analyzed whether the audit procedures and conclusions conformed to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)

and Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS).

In analyzing the Audit Reports, I have reviewed and relied upon the following documents:

- Brown Schultz' audit workpapers for CCI for the fiscal years ended December 31,
 1996, 1997, & 1998.
- Brown Schultz' "Permanent File" for CCI.
- AICPA TECHNICAL PRACTICE AIDS, Statement of Position 81-1, Accounting for Performance of Construction - Type and Certain Production-Type Contracts, July 15, 1981;
- AICPA AUDIT AND ACCOUNTING GUIDE FOR CONSTRUCTION
 CONTRACTORS, May 1, 1997
- Statement on Auditing Standards No. 47, Audit Risk & Materiality In
 Conducting An Audit (American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, 1983);
- Statement on Auditing Standards No. 57. Auditing Accounting Estimates
 (American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, 1988);
- FAS No. 5, Accounting for Contingencies; March 1975
- FAS No. 57, Related Party Disclosures; March 1982.
- Statement on Auditing Standards No. 22, Planning and Supervision, (American Institute of Certified Public Accountants 1978).
- Statement on Auditing Standards No 31, Evidential Matter, (American Institute of Certified Public Accountants 1980).
- Depositions of Bruce J. Brown dated January 17, 2002 and a preliminary draft of

the deposition of July 19, 2002; I have also reviewed portions of the deposition of Sherri Phillips, taken on July 10, 2002, and portions of the deposition of Deborah Bowman dated May 21, 2002.

- Various pleadings filed in the above-captioned action;
- 1998 Audited Financial Statements prepared by Brown Schultz for Pennsylvania
 Contractors Insurance Co., Inc. ("PCIC");
- Brown Schultz' work papers for the audit of "PCIC" for the fiscal year ended
 December 31, 1998;
- Work in process schedule as of December 31, 1999 prepared by CCI personnel.

In general, for reasons explained below, it is my opinion that the audit work performed by Brown Schultz for CCI for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1997 and 1998 did not conform to applicable standards of care of a Certified Public Accountant and this resulted in material misstatements and omissions in Brown Schultz' 1997 and 1998 Audit Reports. Specifically, the negligent audit work performed by Brown Schultz resulted in an overstatement of both income and equity in the amount of \$815,960 for 1997 and \$3,126,508 for 1998. It is also my opinion that these misstatements were material to the financial position of CCI.

The primary causes of the material misstatements in the 1997 and 1998 Audit Reports include, but are not limited to, the following:

Brown Schultz' workpapers demonstrate Brown Schultz' failure to properly assess the risk involved with the audit of CCI from 1996 through 1998. Because of this failure to properly identify the risks associated with CCI, Brown Schultz' audit programs and its audit fieldwork were inadequate to provide the required assurance that the Audit Reports were fairly presented in accordance with GAAP. A primary objective of an audit is to identify high-risk

- A significant dollar volume of work was being performed by CCI's subcontractors.
- Brown Schultz' knowledge of and its documentation of past and present claims
 and defaults with respect to CCI's subcontractors;
- CCI's expansion in new geographical areas;
- The profit fades noted by Brown Schultz on contracts completed in subsequent years required Brown Schultz to question the reliability of CCI's management's ability to estimate costs-to-complete;
- At the end of 1997 and throughout 1998, CCI was self-performing some of the work which it previously subcontracted to others and purchased a substantial amount (approximately \$7 million) of construction equipment;
- CCI was not properly allocating indirect costs to individual contracts;
- The presence of significant related-party transactions.
- 2. There were inadequate audit procedures performed by Brown Schultz in the areas of contracts-in-progress; specifically, the design and implementation of substantive procedures in

connection with accumulated costs and estimated costs to complete. In my opinion, undue reliance was placed by Brown Schultz on CCI management's assertions with respect to costs to complete and estimated profits. The determination of the accuracy of the accumulated costs to date and the estimated costs-to-complete is critical to contractors like CCI using the percentage of completion method of accounting.

Brown Schultz acknowledged that its testing of contract costs was a test of CCI's cost controls only. This was inappropriate under the circumstances extant here. The testing of 25 costs was a test of transactions which an auditor can use to make qualitative assessments from the results. However, such testing does not replace the need to perform substantive procedures, such as vouching significant contract costs and analytical review. CCI had significant direct costs related to subcontractors and there was documentation contained in Brown Schultz' workpapers relating to past and present claims with subcontractors as well as evidence of subcontractor defaults. Nonetheless, Brown Schultz did not send out any subcontractor confirmations, nor does Brown Schultz' "Permanent Files" or its work papers demonstrate that it read any subcontracts and other similar construction agreements. In addition, Brown Schultz specifically excluded any testing of unrecorded liabilities for any job related expenses. Instead, as noted above, Brown Schultz relied on a test of 25 "haphazardly" selected costs throughout each year and there was no evidence that Brown Schultz performed any analytical procedures related to accumulated job costs.

The estimated costs-to-complete contained in the 1996, 1997 and 1998 Audit Reports were deficient in that they relied on CCI's representations with no documentation substantiating CCI's management estimates other than they had allegedly been verified by Sherri Phillips, CCI's chief financial officer and/or Stan Sechrist, CCI's Vice President - Construction

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Operations. In 1998, CCI was estimating gross profits on several contracts-in-progress that were materially higher than the historical or originally projected amounts. Subsequent review revealed that these contracts had significant profit fades and one job - no. 454 - had a loss of \$957,000.00, and profit fade from the 1998 workpaper of approximately \$2,600,000. Also, Brown Schultz' 1998 workpaper files contained no evidence of any consideration of the allocation of indirect costs to estimated costs to complete despite Brown Schultz' knowledge that CCI was self performing more of its subcontract work than in the past. In addition, there was no follow - up between the documented preliminary analytical review work and the final work, despite a material increase in the net over/underbillings. Brown Schultz also failed to document the reasons for the significant underbillings reported at the end of the 1998 year.

There was no evidence in Brown Schultz' workpapers for the 1996, 1997 and 1998 Audit Reports that Brown Schultz read one or more of the contracts for guarantees, penalty and incentive provisions or cancellation and postponement provisions.

There was inappropriate recording and inadequate disclosure of related-party transactions between PCIC and CCI. It is my opinion that Brown Schultz sanctioned the recording of \$1,162,460 of revenue in 1998 from PCIC, a related-party to CCI. The transaction involved the guarantee or insurance of a third party contract claim by PCIC; a company owned by the sole owner of CCI. Brown Schultz also performed the audit work on PCIC. The third party contract claim did not meet the recognition standards set forth in SOP 81-1, and in my opinion the guarantee by the related party did not support the recognition of revenue. In addition, the recording and disclosure of the third party transaction was misleading to the user of the 1998 Audit Report. Further, the related-party transaction was recorded as an underbilling instead as a separate line item on the balance sheet. The result was a material misstatement to

the 1998 Audit Report of \$1,162,460.

In summary, Brown Schultz' workpapers demonstrated that undue reliance was placed on CCI management's assertions; the workpapers fail to demonstrate adequate independent verification, and do not support the conclusions reached by Brown Schultz as they relate to the Audit Reports for calendar years 1997 and 1998. In addition, Brown Schultz' workpapers have numerous other deficiencies including, without limitation, the following:

- Lack of documentation of time to indicate the partner in charge participated in the audit planning in 1998;
- The financial disclosure checklist included in the audit workpapers does not appear to be reviewed;
- Job site visits were not done and considerations not documented; and
- 1998 search for unrecorded liabilities did not go through the last day of fieldwork.

Attached hereto as Exhibit B-1 and B-2 are comparisons of CCI's Balance Sheets and Income Statements containing those adjustments warranted as a result of the defects and deficiencies in the procedures for and preparation of the Audit Reports for CCI for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1997 and 1998.

During my review of the 1996 audit workpapers, I noted that the audit procedures performed were similar to the 1997 and 1998 audits.

This report is subject to revisions based upon any other information which is obtained during discovery in the above-captioned action.

Dated: July 22, 2002

EXHIBIT A

CURRICULUM VITAE

STEPHEN J. DEBRUYN, CPA

POSITION

Partner

EDUCATION

B.S. in Accounting

Southern Illinois University, 1982

PROFESSIONAL

DESIGNATIONS

Certified Public Accountant, 1984

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Illinois CPA Society

LICENSES

Licensed CPA - Illinois

YEARS OF

EXPERIENCE

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PRIOR EXPERIENCE

7 years with audit staff of large regional firm. Promoted to

manager in 1986, joined Clifton Gunderson June, 1989,

promoted to Partner in 1993.

SUPERVISORY

EXPERIENCE

Partner in charge of various audit, review and compilation engagements servicing manufacturers, contractor, retail and

wholesale industries as well as employee benefit plans.

Supervision of staff on multiple concurrent engagements.

AREAS OF

SPECIALIZATION

Firm-wide Construction Industry Group Leader

Audit, accounting and consulting services for various

industries and employee benefit plans.

Corporate finance; merger and acquisition services.

Peer reviews and internal inspection programs.

Consulting services in connection with prospective financial statements, executive search, interpretation of financial

results, succession of ownership and business valuations.

Stephen J. DeBruyn (continued)

Income tax planning and preparation for corporations, S-corporations, partnerships and L.L.C.s.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT EXPERIENCES IN PUBLIC ACCOUNTING

Advanced training through experience with previous employer in areas of audit efficiencies, documentation of accounting systems in manual or automated environments.

Speaker at annual audit and accounting conference.

Selected to the firms Leadership Career Program class of 1994.

1997 Clifton Gunderson Outstanding Performance Award.

PUBLICATIONS

Speaker at the Clifton Gunderson Annual Audit & Accounting Conference. Sessions on Construction Contractors.

October, 2000 October, 1999 October, 1998

Improved Software Keeps Construction Companies Ahead of Competitors, Clifton Gunderson LLP Relationships, Magazine, Issue 6 Summer 2002.

PREVIOUS TRIAL EXPERIENCE

IN RE: Marriage of Lawrence Edward Kuchefski, Petitioner and Sherri Marie Kuchefski, Respondent, Cause #99D284 Circuit Court for the 5th Judicial Circuit of Illinois located in Danville, Illinois, March 2002.

EXHIBIT B-1

CCI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. BALANCE SHEET – DECEMBER 31, 1997

ASSETS

| | As Reported | Adjustments | As Restated |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Current assets: | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 1,128,337 | \$ - | \$ 1,128,337 |
| Investments in marketable securities | 3,702,992 | - | 3,702,992 |
| Accounts receivable, trade: | | | |
| Customers: | | | |
| Current | 8,230,674 | - | 8,230,674 |
| Retained | 1,121,610 | - | 1,121,610 |
| Shareholder | - | - , | - |
| Affiliates | 3,485 | - | 3,485 |
| Note receivable | 22,569 | - | 22,569 |
| Costs and estimated earnings in excess of | | | |
| billings on uncompleted contracts | 1,072,281 | (429,978) | 642,303 |
| Prepaid expenses | 6,185 | | 6,185 |
| Shop inventory | 639 | | 639 |
| Total current assets | 15,288,772 | (429,978) | 14,858,794 |
| Property and equipment: | | | |
| Automobiles and trucks | 427,342 | - | 427,342 |
| Furniture | 553,587 | - | 553,587 |
| Machinery and equipment | 1,323,233 | - | 1,323,233 |
| Other | <u>72,453</u> | | |
| | 2,376,615 | - | 2,376,615 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | 920,919 | <u></u> | 920,919 |
| | 1,455,696 | <u> </u> | 1,455,696 |
| | <u>\$ 16,744,468</u> | <u>\$ (429,978)</u> | <u>\$16,314,490</u> |

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY

| | _A | s Reported | Ad | ljustments | As Restated |
|---|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Current liabilities: | | | | | |
| Accounts payable, trade: | | | | | |
| Vendors: | | | | | |
| Current | \$ | 7,846,395 | \$ | - | \$ 7,846,395 |
| Retained | | 1,078,950 | | - | 1,078,950 |
| Notes payable | | 815,781 | | - | 815,781 |
| Accrued loss on jobs | | - | | 732,685 | 732,685 |
| Accrued expenses | | 808,601 | | - | 808,601 |
| Taxes withheld and accrued | | 58,023 | | - | 58,023 |
| Billings in excess of costs and estimated | | | | | |
| earnings on uncompleted contracts | | 681,924 | | (346,703) | 335,221 |
| Total current liabilities (all current) | | 11,278,674 | | 385,982 | 11,675,656 |
| Shareholder's equity: | | | | | |
| Common stock, \$1 par, 1,000 shares authorized; | | | | | |
| 39 shares issued and outstanding | | 39 | | - | 39 |
| Capital in excess of par | | 9,758 | | - | 9,758 |
| Retained earnings | | 5,208,489 | | (815,960) | 4,392,529 |
| Unrealized gain on marketable securities | | 236,508 | • | | 236,508 |
| | | 5,454,794 | | (815,960) | 4,638,834 |
| | <u>\$</u> | <u>16,744,468</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>(429,978</u>) | <u>\$16,314,490</u> |

CCI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. STATEMENT OF INCOME Year Ended December 31, 1997

| | Original | Adjustments | As Restated |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Revenue | \$ 34,921,676 | \$ (815,960) | \$34,105,716 |
| Cost of contracts | 32,617,473 | | 32,617,473 |
| Gross profit | 2,304,203 | (815,960) | 1,488,243 |
| General and administrative expenses | 1,954,380 | | 1,954,380 |
| Income from operations | 349,823 | (815,960) | (466,137) |
| Other income | 357,056 | - | 357,056 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 706,879 | <u>\$ (815,960</u>) | <u>\$ (109,081)</u> |

EXHIBIT B-2

CCI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. BALANCE SHEET – DECEMBER 31, 1998

ASSETS

| | As Reported | Adjustments | As Restated |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Current assets: | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 2,429,866 | \$ - | \$ 2,429,866 |
| Investments in marketable securities | 631,481 | _ | 631,481 |
| Accounts receivable, trade: | , | | 051,401 |
| Customers: | | | |
| Current | 5,964,311 | - | 5,964,311 |
| Retained | 1,822,224 | - | 1,822,224 |
| Affiliates | 365,756 | - | 365,756 |
| Costs and estimated earnings in excess of | • | | 303,730 |
| billings on uncompleted contracts | 6,341,726 | (2,379,122) | 3,962,604 |
| Prepaid expenses | 170,232 | - | 170,232 |
| Shop inventory | 38,161 | _ | 38,161 |
| | . <u>.</u> | | |
| Total current assets | 17,763,757 | (2,379,122) | <u> 15,384,635</u> |
| Property and equipment: | | | |
| Automobiles and trucks | 1,269,567 | _ | 1,269,567 |
| Furniture | 851,738 | _ | 851,738 |
| Machinery and equipment | 5,947,290 | - | 5,947,290 |
| Other | 344,128 | | 344,128 |
| | 8,412,723 | , | 8,412,723 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | 1,651,485 | | 1,651,485 |
| | 6,761,238 | | 6,761,238 |
| Other assets: | | | |
| Cash surrender value of officer's life insurance | 55,453 | | 55,453 |
| Investments | 34,000 | _ | 34,000 |
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| • | <u>89,453</u> | - | 89,453 |
| | <u>\$ 24,614,448</u> | <u>\$ (2,379,122)</u> | <u>\$22,235,326</u> |

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY

| | As Reported | Adjustments | As Restated |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Current liabilities: | | | |
| Accounts payable, trade: | | • | |
| Current | \$ 10,974,274 | \$ - | \$10,974,274 |
| Retained | 2,180,967 | • | 2,180,967 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 1,338,280 | - | 1,338,280 |
| Accrued loss on jobs | • | 1,826,956 | 1,826,956 |
| Accrued expenses | 333,060 | _ | 333,060 |
| Taxes withheld and accrued | 91,601 | - | 91,601 |
| Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings | | | |
| on uncompleted contracts | 288,208 | (263,610) | 24,598 |
| Total current liabilities | 15,206,390 | 1,563,346 | 16,769,736 |
| Long-term debt, net of current portion | 4,164,375 | | 4,164,375 |
| Total liabilities | 19,370,765 | 1,563,346 | 20,934,111 |
| Shareholder's equity: | | | |
| Common stock, \$1 par, 1,000 shares authorized; | | | |
| 39 shares issued and outstanding | 39 | - | 39 |
| Capital in excess of par | 9,758 | - | 9,758 |
| Retained earnings | 5,254,834 | (3,942,468) | 1,312,366 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), unrealized gain (loss) on marketable | | (*), , | -,, |
| securities | (20,948) | | (20,948) |
| | 5,243,683 | (3,942,468) | 1,301,215 |
| | <u>\$ 24,614,448</u> | <u>\$ (2,379,122)</u> | \$22,235,326 |

CCI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. STATEMENT OF INCOME Year Ended December 31, 1998

| | Original | Adjustments | As Restated |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Revenue | \$ 52,534,453 | \$ (3,126,508) | \$49,407,945 |
| Cost of contracts | 51,145,382 | | 51,145,382 |
| Gross profit | 1,389,071 | (3,126,508) | (1,737,437) |
| General and administrative expenses | 1,505,700 | | 1,505,700 |
| Income (loss) from operations | (116,629) | (3,126,508) | (3,238,137) |
| Other income | 175,670 | | <u>175,670</u> |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 59,041 | \$ (3,126,508) | <u>\$(3,067,467)</u> |

EXHIBIT C

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                FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA
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       UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND
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                                       Civil Action No.
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      BRUCE J. BROWN AND BROWN
      SCHULTZ SHERIDAN & FRITZ,
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                  Defendants.
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               Deposition of STEPHEN J. DEBRUYN taken before
      DONNA L. POLICICCHIO, C.S.R., and Notary Public,
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      pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure for the
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      United States District Courts pertaining to the taking
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      of depositions, at Suite 1800, 333 West Wacker Drive, in
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      the City of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, commencing
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     at 10:05 a.m. on the 7th day of May, A.D. 2003.
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firm should have done for the 1997 audit?

A Yes. If they were available, I would have reviewed them.

Q Who told you that they were not available -- let me start over.

Who told you that the CCI Construction records were not available?

A There was, from what I recall, an individual at the USF&G office that communicated that to us prior to my arrival out in Baltimore to review the work and prepare my expert report, and then while I was there, we talked to somebody on the phone that I mentioned that we 12 thought maybe would have access to their old computer files in an attempt to get those and recreate those

Q Sir, were you ever made aware that those records exist in the hands of the accountants for CCI? Did you know that?

A Records exist that detailed records for CCI --

Q Did you know CCI went through bankruptcy?

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22 Q Were you aware there were accountants employed

in connection with the bankruptcy? 23

24 A No, I was not aware. not available.

2 O Would you still have an interest in reviewing those records if you could gain access to them? 3

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4 A If I could get access to all the records? 5

Q For CCI Construction.

6 A For their detailed records?

Q That would be of interest to you?

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MR. McGLYNN: Is this a good time to take a break? 10 Five after 1:00.

MR. McCARRON: Let me just finish up with 1997, which relates to this other area he talked about.

MR. McGLYNN: What do you estimate?

14 MR, McCARRON: More than a couple minutes. 15

MR. McGLYNN: All right.

16 MR. McCARRON: Q Sir, what is it you contend should have been done by the Brown, Schultz auditors for 17 18

the 1997 audit in order to satisfy your issue and

19 concern about the insufficiency or sufficiency of

competent evidential material? 20 21

A They should have obtained -- The underlying documentation in your work papers is your basis for the opinion. They did not obtain enough information on

estimated costs to complete to review the estimates in

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- Q Do you know anything about bankruptcy?
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- 3 Q Isn't it the situation that typically an 4
- accountant or accountants are employed for the 5 bankruptcy?

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- Q Did you ever ask whether the records were in the hands of or controlled by the accountants for the
- A We felt we were going through the appropriate channels asking the USF&G representative.
- Q Did you ever ask whether the CCI records might 12 be in the possession of the accountants for the 13 14 bankruptcy? 15

A No, I did not ask if they were in the records of the accountants for the bankruptcy.

Q What was your understanding of the reason the records were not available?

A We were given the disk. Like I said, the computer system, that was supposed to be left over from 20 CCI, and apparently it was several versions old and had 21

22 been faulty, and for some reason we were unable to 23 recreate it. Nobody gave us specific indications of

what happened to the records. We were told they were

1 accordance with Statement on Auditing Standards No. 57

which is auditing accounting estimates. They took 2

3 management's representations and have no documentation

in the file that they did anything beyond that, besides 4 5

relying upon, despite the fact that there was numerous 6 indications on the work papers that there were

subcontractor default, subcontractor buy-outs, nothing

that indicated that they reviewed the subcontractor records or the new subcontractor taking over.

In addition, the testing of job costs was merely a test of 25 -- and it was supposedly a haphazard selection of 25 items, which turned out to be 13 payroll and 12 non-payroll items. No vouching of job costs.

14 Thirdly, in their testing of payables and subsequent disbursements, they specifically excluded job 15 16 cost from their scope of testing and subsequent 17 disbursements.

Q Were there any problems with the cost recording system at CCI Construction for job costs?

A I don't know.

Q Do you know what the result would have been for the 1997 audit if the additional procedures or work had been done correctly as you just described in your list?

A Could you ask that again?

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A There is a date on the schedule of 2/12/2000, 2 4:37 p.m.

Q Do you have any reason to believe that the work in progress schedule for 1999 existed any time before February 2000?

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Q Do you have any reason to believe that the work in progress schedule for 1999 existed when Brown, Schultz did an audit for 1997?

A No.

Q Working backwards again, the completed audit let me start over.

The completed contracts schedule for 1998 was generated sometime during 1999, is that right?

A That I do not know. I do not know when the completed contracts - I assume it would have been completed as the contracts were completed.

Q But the completed -- let's be clear.

You refer to and you relied on completed contracts schedule for 1998, is that right?

A Correct.

Q So that schedule reflects contracts which were completed during 1998, is that right?

A That's correct.

to Brown, Schultz when it performed its audit during -for the period 1997?

A I don't know when it became available to Brown, Schultz.

Q Wouldn't it be important to you to know?

A Yes.

Q Do you have any reason to think that the information reflected on the work in progress schedule for 1999 was available -- that that information was available or known to Brown, Schultz when it did its audit for the period ending 1997?

A It's my opinion had they done the additional audit procedures that I enumerated previously that some of the information would have been available to them with regards to estimated costs to complete that were inherent in the construction in progress schedule that we're referring to at December 31, 1997.

Q What specific information would have been available and learned by Brown, Schultz, which is --

A Contract --

Q -- which is reflected on the work in progress schedule for 1999, which they would have learned if they had done additional audit procedures during the period ending 1997?

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Q That schedule of completed contracts for 1998 would not have been available any earlier than the end of 1998, is that right?

A Correct.

Q So that the completed contracts schedule for 1998 was not in existence when Brown Schultz did its audit for 1997, is that right?

A Not the schedule that I referred to in the financial statements.

Q Now, you're not able to determine -- you did not base your proposed adjustments for the 1997 financial statement on the schedule of contracts in progress for 1997, is that true?

A I use that as my starting point for the restatement.

Q But you need the additional information provided 16 by the completed contracts schedule and the work in progress schedule from 1998 and 1999 to make your determination that adjustments were warranted for the 1997 financial statement?

A Correct.

22 Q Do you have any reason to believe that the 23 information, which was reflected on the completed contracts for 1998 schedule, was known to or available 24 24

A Total estimated cost.

Q For which -- what specific amounts, sir, and what specific job would they have learned that information --

A I would have --

Q - which is not reflected until the work in progress schedule in 1999, which was not available during -- when they did their audit work in 1997? MR. McGLYNN: Objection.

A Do you want me to go through each individual contract?

MR. McCARRON: Q Absolutely.

A The contract -- Job No. 426, and I don't have job names, was completed in 1998.

Q What about Job 426 led you to believe that an adjustment to the 1997 financial statement would have been made if Brown, Schultz had done additional aud procedures in connection with its work for the period ending 1997?

A There would have been a change in total estimated cost.

O And that information is reflected on -- let me start over.

How is it that Brown, Schultz's additional audit

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proposed adjustments you made were based on actual cost for the contract?

A That's correct.

Q Did you perform any investigation or analysis to determine -- let me start over.

The actual cost to complete the contract was not known until the contracts were actually completed, is that right?

A Yes.

Q And for a contract which was not completed during 1997 or had not been completed prior to the audit work, the actual cost to complete that -- those contracts would not be known to the auditors during the audit work period, is that right?

A That is correct.

Q So in deriving or determining the proposed adjustments for the 1997 financial statement, you used information about the actual cost to complete the contracts, which had not been completed during 1997, which was not available to Brown, Schultz during its audit work?

A The completed contract schedule that I used was not available to them, no.

Q Nor was the information included on the

contracts were completed, the exact dates.

Q Did you perform any investigation to determine the events which triggered or caused the increased contract cost?

A Could you read that back? (Record read.)

THE WITNESS: No.

Q Did you do any investigation or determine the date on which the events occurred, which triggered or caused the additional cost to complete the contract over and above the estimated cost to complete?

A Not outside of reviewing the Brown, Schultz work papers.

Q Were you able to determine the date on which the event or occurrence -- let me start over.

Were you able to determine the date or approximate date the event which caused the increased cost over the estimated cost to complete occurred?

A Could you read that back? (Record read.)

THE WITNESS: No. Those records would have been available through the CCI documents.

Q So if you had -- let me start over.You would need the CCI documents in order to

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completed contract schedule available to Brown, Schultz when it performed its audit work?

A I disagree. I think some of the costs would have been available had they done the additional work that was required under Generally Accepted Auditing Standards, and that's to do more than accept management's representation as to what the gross profit on the job was going to turn out to be.

Q Are you telling us that there were actual completed contract costs for contracts which had not been completed during 1997 which were available to Brown, Schultz during its audit work?

A As I indicated, I think information was available.

Q Sir, you're not answering the question. MR. McGLYNN: Objection.

MR. McCARRON: Q Was there -- let me start over

Was the information about completed -- let me start over.

Was the information concerning the actual cost to complete contracts, which had not been completed by the end of 1997, available to Brown, Schultz when it performed its audit work for the period ending 1997?

A I don't know because I do not know when the

determine what event and the date of the occurrence of the event which caused the increased cost to complete the contract, is that right?

A And inquiry to management to give an explanation

A And inquiry to management to give an explanation for the increase in costs.

Q So without the CCI records you're not able to determine whether the information which indicated an increased cost to complete contracts was or would have been available to Brown, Schultz during the period in which it performed its audit work?

A That's correct. I'm not sure of the timing of the availability of the information.

Q Now, if the event which triggered the increased cost for the — to complete the contract occurred after the audit work by Brown, Schultz, then that would be an event for which the auditor was not responsible for knowing?

A It depends on the inquiry he did with management and what exactly the event was that caused the additional cost to increase.

Q So, sir, if there was a contract which at the end of 1997, which had not been completed, and was not completed until sometime late in 1998 and the increased cost to complete the contract was triggered by a

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method is used -- reflected in the tax regulations, is 2 that right? 3

A Not necessarily. I didn't dream up the idea of doing this and consulted with people that -- if I was going to restate --

Q I think you're misunderstanding.

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MR. McGLYNN: Have you finished your answer?

MR. McCARRON: Q Isn't it the situation that tax regulations provide and discuss the look back method as a process used in connection with tax related issues?

A Under the strict terms of look back, yes.

Q Are you aware of any audit principle -- sorry, audit -- accounting principle, audit standard, or statement of pronouncement concerning accountants and auditors, which provides for either the look back method or some modified version of the look back method you employed in arriving at your adjustments for the 1997 and 1998 audit statements?

A I believe it's applicable in the restatement of the financial statements from the best available information that's known, subsequent events.

Q Does GAAP, GAAS, or any accounting pronouncement22 provide for the use of the look back method or a similar method?

1 MR. McGLYNN: Objection. Asked and answered.

A As I indicated, it could. If you were restating the financial statements for correction of an error. it's not precluded from being used.

MR. McCARRON: Q Is there an audit -- I'm sorry.

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Is there an accounting principle or an audit standard or pronouncement of accounting or auditing principles or standards on which you relied to support your idea that the look back method or the modified version of the look back method you used is appropriate?

A That would be combining everything I said earlier with respect to use the best available information that I have, absent of records to review and absence of the audit procedures done not in accordance with GAAS, everything else considered in connection with review of Brown, Schultz's work papers, I felt this was the best method available to me to restate the financial statements for 1998 and 1997.

Q Are you aware of any instance in which the look back method is used other than in connection with tax-related issues?

A Under the term look back, no.

Q Where in the accounting literature is there support for the use of the look back method or the

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A It provides the use of subsequent events. Does it use the terminology look back? No.

Q Without regard for whether the principles or the standards or the pronouncements used the terminology look back, do they provide for the method you used as nearly equivalent to or actually the look back method?

A I would imagine they could in the case of a correction of an error to a financial statement or restatement of the financial statement. That would be one method you would consider to go back and restate the financial statements.

O Does GAAP -- let me start over.

Is the look back method or its modified version, which you used to derive the proposed adjustments for the 1997 and 1998 financial statements, in accordance with GAAP, GAAS, or any pronouncement on accounting standards?

A Could you read that back?

19 MR. McGLYNN: Objection.

MR. McCARRON: I'll ask it again. 20

MR. McGLYNN: That would be helpful. 21

22 MR. McCARRON: Q Does the look back method you

used in the strict form or its modified form comply with 23

24 GAAP? Page 229

modified version of the look back method you used to 2 derive your proposed adjustments for the 1997 and 1998

3 financial statements?

4 A Not specifically.

5 Q Could an accountant performing an audit use the look back method under GAAS in expressing an opinion 6

7 about the financial statements?

A If it was in connection with the correction of an error and he was restating the financial statements, 10

Q Could an accountant use the look back method in 12 performing an audit to express an opinion about financial statements in accordance with GAAS? 13

A I just answered that.

Q No, you didn't.

A I did.

17 Q No, you didn't. You told me --

MR. McGLYNN: Let's not argue. Go on to the next question.

19 20 MR. McCARRON: No, I'm not going on to the next question. The next question is going to be exactly the 21 22

23 MR. McGLYNN: Then he's going to stand --

MR. McCARRON: Do you want to argue with me, is that 24

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- 2 THE WITNESS: No, I don't.
- 3 MR. McGLYNN: You have to argue with me.
- 4 MR. McCARRON: You want to argue with me, too?
- 5 MR. McGLYNN: Sure.
- MR. McCARRON: Okay. What do you want to argue 6 7 about, Peter, the same old crap you always want to argue
- 8 about? You want your witness not to answer the question
- 9 because he's afraid to answer the question, and that's a
- classic situation. Obviously you walk off out of the 10 11 room all the time.
- MR. McGLYNN: The fact that you want to just level 12 13 insults never ceases.
- MR. McCARRON: Let the record reflect --14
 - Q Sir, what is it that Mr. McGlynn just told you?
- 16 MR. McGLYNN: I'm instructing the witness not to answer. There was no question pending. I'm instructing 17
- 18 the witness not to answer.
- 19 MR. McCARRON: Q What is it that he just told you'
- 20 MR. McGLYNN: I am instructing you not to answer.
- 21 MR. McCARRON: Q You're going to follow that
- 22 instruction?

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- 23 A I am.
- 24 Q Sir, are you saying -- would an auditor be

should have been used by Brown, Schultz in performing 2

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- their audit?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q Is the look back method a method which Brown, Schultz could properly have used in conducting their
- 6 audit during 1997 and 1998?
- A In connection with review of completed 7 8 contracts, yes, they did.
- Q In performing the audit of the 1997 and 1998 10 financial statements for CCI, would Brown, Schultz have acted in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards to have used the look back method? 12
 - A A method similar to the look back by reviewing completed contracts, which is documented in their work papers that they did.
 - Q Would Brown, Schultz have been justified in its audit procedures in using the look back method in its audit of estimated costs to complete contracts?
- A Yes. They would have reviewed, which they did. 19 20 They reviewed two completed contracts during the year, 21
- which in effect is using a method similar to what I used based on our work in process in prior years, how did 22
- 23 these contracts actually finish up. For instance, in
- 24 1998 they looked at the 1997 -- two work in process jobs

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acting in accordance with GAAS in performing an audit using the look back method?

A As I indicated previously, it would be a method that he may consider in the restatement of financial statements in connection with his engagement if -- and maybe an example would help explain it. If you were restating a financial statement and there is an error because of misuse of information in connection with a

- prior year, you would restate the financial information. Q Did Brown, Schultz restate financial statements.
- 12 A Did they restate financial statements?
- 13 Q Yes.
- 14 A No.
- Q Weren't you testing the work done by Brown, 15 16 Schultz?
- 17 A I was testing their audit work.
- Q Wouldn't you be required to use the same 18 procedures that -- which Brown, Schultz should use in 19 determining its audit? 20
- 21 A I determined their procedures weren't adequate.
- 22 Q Sir, I didn't ask you that. Wouldn't you be
- 23 required in testing the quality of the work by Brown,
- Schultz to use the same procedures which applied or

in 1997 and they looked at them under a method very

similar to the look back method in determining the

validity of management's estimates. 3

4 MR. McCARRON: Mr. McGlynn, if this continues, we're going to be here for a long time.

MR. McGLYNN: I'm telling you now, I have to leave 6 7 to go to the airport at 6:00 o'clock. 8

MR. McCARRON: Not a chance.

MR. McGLYNN: Then, you know, you will have to get 9 10 an appropriate court order.

MR. McCARRON: You may leave. I'm alerting you to 11

this now, because it's quarter to 5:00, and if the 12

witness thinks that this way of going on -13

MR. McGLYNN: Excuse me. Can we go off the record 14 15 for a second?

16 (Discussion had off the record.)

17 MR. McCARRON: Q Did Brown Schultz use the look

back method in performing its audit procedures of the 18 19

1997 and 1998 financial statements? 20

A Yes.

- MR. McGLYNN: Objection. Asked and answered. 21
- 22 MR. McCARRON: Q In what respect did Brown,
- Schultz use the look back method in performing their 23
 - audit procedures for estimating cost to complete

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Ortenzio's indemnification other than it existed?

A Not that I recall. I didn't include anything in any of my reports.

Q Did you make a determination about whether the work done by Bruce Brown or Brown, Schultz for its audits of CCI financial statements had any effect or played any role with respect to the Ortenzio indemnification?

A I don't think I addressed that either.

O Your next item is identified as look back -number 2, you wrote look back method, period, right?

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13 Q And then you wrote what, reasonable?

A Reasonable and used.

Q What do those words mean?

A As I explained before, I was concerned, as you 16 individuals have expressed, of using a look back method based on actual cost to complete. Absent any accounting records, I knew that that was the only method I was 20 going to be able to use to get the magnitude of what the potential error was in any given year. I wanted to 22 check with firm-wide resources to see if I was out of line in connection with using a method similar to that with regards to what I was reporting on in connection

Q The instances in which you are aware the look 2 book method was used was limited to damage evaluations 3

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A Not just damage evaluations.

Q Damage evaluations and tax-related issues?

A Not necessarily.

Q What other instances are you aware in which accountants have used the look back method?

A I reviewed with people that have experience in litigation in our firm the method that I used and the reason that I was using this method, which is what this documents. They indicated it was not an unreasonable method to use.

13 Q What other instances are you aware of where the look back method has been an accepted methodology used 14 15 by accountants? 16

A I am not specifically aware of a case that refers exactly to the look back method I use.

Q Are you aware of any instance in which accountants applying principles, concepts, standards, and pronouncements regularly used by experts in your field have used the look back method to determine the propriety of accounting work done by auditors in connection with audits of financial statements?

A I can only go upon what we've done at Clifton

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with this litigation as an expert witness.

Q Did you find any support for your use of the look back method to evaluate the propriety of the work done by auditors?

A Yes, I did. I had determined that the look back method was reasonable and had been used in damage evaluation cases in connection with litigation support engagements.

Q Are you aware of any instance in which the look back method was used to evaluate the propriety of the accounting work done by auditors?

A I don't have any specific cases, no.

Q Are you aware of any other accountant who has ever used the look back method to evaluate the propriety 14 of work done by auditors in performing audits of financial statements?

A I'm aware of individuals in our firm that have used a method similar to what I have employed to determine the effect of an accounting issue.

Q Sir, are you aware of any other instance in this case when an accountant has employed the look back method to evaluate the propriety of the work done by auditors in performing audits of financial statements? Page 265

Gunderson. I don't know whether it's been used by 2 anybody else in the profession.

Q Did anyone at Clifton Gunderson ever employ the 3 look book method to assess the propriety of the work 4 5 done by accountants in performing audits of financial 6 statements? 7

A I don't know.

Q Who at Clifton Gunderson told you that the look back method seemed reasonable?

A There is several people that I consulted.

Q Who are they?

A I reviewed Robert Kleeman, K-L-E-E-M-A-N.

Q Had Mr. -- What did Mr. Kleeman tell you about the use of the look back method?

A He indicated it was reasonable to him.

16 Q Who first had the idea to use the look back 17 method?

A I did.

19 Q Did Mr. Kleeman indicate that he had ever used 20 the look back method?

A I don't recall whether he had indicated he had 22 ever used it before.

Q Who else?

24 A Jim Alerding, A-L-E-R-D-I-N-G.

EXHIBIT D

Response to DeBruyn Deposition May 7, 2003

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| 5 | 16 | I took the exam in 1982 and 1983, | Clarification of dates. |
| | | passing the final part of the exam in | |
| | | November 1983. My CPA certificate | |
| | | was awarded in February 1984. | |
| 5 | 23 | I first sat for the exam in November 1982. | Clarification of dates. |
| 7 | 11 | The second time I took the exam was May 1983. | Clarification of dates. |
| 9 | 5 | The exam was completed in November 1983. | Clarification of dates. |
| 11 | 10 | It was November 1982 when I first took the exam. I did not sit for the exam in May 1982 because I was in the process of graduating from college and looking for a full time job. | Clarification of dates. |
| 49 | 21 | The course was sponsor through the Missouri Society of CPA's and Nichols Education Corporation prepared the course material. | To clarify my response. |
| 79 | 11 | Should say and "who" was on the peer review team | Grammar. |
| 95 | 13 | While I agree with the statement as read and responded "yes", the auditors had evidence that the contractor did not have the ability to produce dependable estimates sufficient to rely on without performing additional audit procedures. | To expand and explain my answer more completely. |
| 108 | 24 | You cannot simply rely on management's representation regarding estimated costs to complete without performing other corroborating audit procedures that then support the reliance of management's estimates. Brown Schultz did not perform this corroborating work. | Did not fully understand the question in the deposition. |
| 12 | 19 | No, the opinion would not have changed but the audit results, i.e financial reports would have been different. | To expand and explain my answer more completely. |

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| 162 | 12 | First word should read "contractor". | Grammar |
| 163 | 16 | Word should be "confidence" versus "competence". | Grammar |
| 166 | 5 | Should have been answered that I adjusted total estimated costs to date by adjusting estimated costs to complete and not the job costs to date. | Did not completely understand the question when asked. The change clarifies and explains my answer. |
| 273 | 1 | Should read "Our audit and accounting director" meaning Clifton Gunderson's. | Grammar |
| 288 | 17 | The request for the bond demonstrates CCI management's unreliability in the construction business. Approximately one month before the date of bankruptcy and CCI management is continuing to bid on large projects. | To expand and explain my answer more completely. |
| 290 | 5 | PCIC guaranteed the payment. The 100% stockholder of PCIC is also the sole 100% stockholder of CCI. | To expand and explain my answer more completely. |

EXHIBIT E

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| FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA (Harrisburg Division) | |
| UNITED STATES FIDELITY | |
| AND GUARANTY COMPANY | |
| Plaintiff No.: 1:01-CIU-00813 | |
| vs. (Judge Kane) | : |
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| Company, 5801 Smith Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, | |
| 21209, before Susan M. Wootton, Notary Public. | |
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| | FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA (Harrisburg Division) UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY Plaintiff No.: 1:01-CIU-00813 vs. (Judge Kane) BRUCE J. BROWN AND (Magistrate Judge Smyser) & FRITZ Defendants The deposition of MATTHEW SILVERSTEIN was held on Wednesday, June 12, 2002, commencing at 10:00 a.m., at the St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, 5801 Smith Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, 21209, before Susan M. Wootton, Notary Public. APPEARANCES: BRUCE LEVIN, ESQUIRE On behalf of Plaintiff KATHLEEN CARSON, ESQUIRE On behalf of Defendants |

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O Okay. Well, what is the distinction between the payment bond and the performance bond?

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The payment bond is generally for the benefit of labor or material suppliers, for labor or material that was used or incorporated in the project, generally, whereas the performance bond runs to the obligee, generally the owner of the project.

Q. When USF&G is required to fulfill its obligations under its performance bonds on a particular job, what happens? Does USF&G rebid the job?

MR. LEVIN: Objection.

14 THE WITNESS: It varies with the project. 15 It varies with the analysis we have done. It would be dependent upon our analysis as to what is the best way 16 17 to mitigate the loss.

18 Well, what are USF&G's options at that 19 point in time?

20 It varies with the terms of the bond. The bond, Miller Act bond, a non-Miller Act bond or an AIA

each project there are folders for claimants. Is that 2 correct?

Α Correct.

O Okay. So, within the project, the payment bond file for a particular project, a copy of the bond would be there; is that correct?

Yes, a copy of the payment and the performance bond should be with the general file for each particular project.

Okay. When you say general file?

11 Which encompasses the payment bond files, 12 the, for lack of a better word, performance bond files 13 which would be files relating to completion of the 14 project.

15 When USF&G took over performance of the 16 projects from CCI, did it obtain CCI's project files?

I believe it obtained most of them, but I 17

18 don't know if we got all of them.

And where --

20 I'm sorry, can I clarify that?

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bond would all provide the surety with different options in the event of a default termination, so it would be dependent upon the terms of the bond.

4 In the case of CCI, do you know what 5

options were available to USF&G?

A There was probably 20 different bonds out there, so it varied with the bonds.

8 Okay. And the payment and performance 9 bonds, well, the payment bonds, are they maintained in 10 the payment bond files of USF&G?

There is only one bond for each project.

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13 There will be multiple payment bond files, one for each claimant. So they are with generally the 14 bond file, but it would not be a separate copy of a 15 payment bond within each claimant's file. 16

17 I understand. Q

> Do you follow me? Α

19 I understand what you're saying. As I

20 understand it, USF&G maintains their payment bond

files on a project-by-project basis, and then within

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1 With regard to the projects that we had 2 open bonds on, I think that CCI had some non-bonded 3 projects, and I don't believe we got those files. 4

And for those project files that you did obtain, where are they maintained today?

It varies with the project. In some instances, those files were turned over to the completion contractor that completed the work. In some instances, they were returned to CCI when the project was completed.

In some instances, we still have them, those files either in part here in our offices or with engineers or consultants that worked with us. So it varies with the project.

15 But are those files contained within 16 either the payment bond files or the performance bond 17 files?

18 MR. LEVIN: Objection.

19 THE WITNESS: Geographically the same

20 location or intellectually is it one file? 21

Let's start with the latter.

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               Deposition of DONALD L. BRENNER taken before
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     at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 6th day of May, A.D. 2003.
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Case 1:01-cv-00813-CCC Document 121-2 Filed 10/13/2003 Page 42 of 43 Page 74 Page 76 out to you that in terms of the exact wording, I also 1 was performed? have not seen Volume 1, and if you have a copy of it. I 2 A To my understanding it was not. 3 would like to see it. 3 Q Why did you feel it would be useful to perform 4 Q You can't identify Exhibit 8 as Volume 1? 4 this reaudit assignment? 5 A I can't tell for sure because Exhibit 8 is A Well, if you're trying to determine if there is 5 entitled Accounting & Auditing Quality Control Manual, 6 6 any misstatement of the financial statements, one way t 7 whereas Volume 1 is referred to as something much more 7 do that is to go back and do a reaudit based on the data 8 specific and, at least going by the words, narrow, a 8 that was available at that time to the company in 9 more narrow concept, auditing concepts and procedures. 9 preparing their financial statements. 10 MR. McGLYNN: Can we go off the record for a moment 10 Q Did you -- And you've never seen any reauditing 11 (Discussion had off the record.) 11 of any of the projects of CCI Construction? 12 MR. McGLYNN: Back on the record. Mr. McCarron has 12 A That is correct. 13 agreed to ascertain whether or not Volumes 1 and 2 Q And The Brenner Group did not perform any 13 exist, if indeed they are different from what we've 14 reaudit work in connection with the CCI financial 15 marked as Brenner 8. 15 statements? 16 Q Mr. Brenner, do you have any specific 16 A That is correct. recollection of reviewing any Brown, Schultz policy 17 17 Q And have you -- strike that. 18 manual that deals with or dealt with audit sampling? And the second page of this particular letter, 18 19 A No. sir. 19 Mr. Brenner --20 Q Now, sir, can you identify this letter? 20 A Yes, sir. 21 MR. McCARRON: Can I have one? 21 Q -- you identify jobs that you have identified 22 MR. McGLYNN: I'm sorry. 22 for, quote, unquote, priority treatment? 23 A Yes. This is a letter that I have seen and 23 A Yes, sir. 24 apparently dictated. Q And that would be priority treatment with 24 Page 77 1 MR. McGLYNN: Can we have that marked as the nex 1 respect to this so-called reaudit exercise? 2 exhibit? 2 A Yes, sir. 3 (Document marked Exhibit No. 9.) 3 Q And were any of these projects reaudited to the 4 Q This is Brenner Exhibit 9, which is a letter 4 best of your knowledge? 5 from The Brenner Group to Kathleen M. Carson dated 5 A To my knowledge they were not. 6 August 13, 2002. 6 Q And why did you identify these projects as 7 In this particular letter, in the second 7 meriting or warranting priority treatment? paragraph you write, You either have or will make 8 A Size of the jobs, evaluation of the potential 8 9 arrangements for your consulting accounting expert to 9 significance to the financial statements, if a reaudit 10 immediately perform analysis, review of (and 10 were to uncover any additional data that the company had 11 documentation of) the accounting and a reaudit of the 11 overlooked in preparing their records and their job accounting (profit recognition) -- I'm not going to 12 12 December 31 financial statements. 13 read the entire sentence. 13 Q And in this letter, your August 13, 2002, 14 14

Do you see that sentence you wrote, sir?

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- A Yes, I see the sentence you're referring to.
- Q And what is it that you are contemplating that somebody -- some consulting accounting expert is going to be performing?

A I had suggested that it might be useful to have an accounting firm in effect determine through a reaudit whether there were any potential adjustments to the jobs included in the reporting by CCI in their December 31, 1997, 1998, financial statements.

Q Do you know if any such work was -- reaudit work

letter, you expected to receive that analysis and reaudit on the above jobs not later than Friday, 15

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August 16. Do you see that?

17 A I see that comment in there. I expected at that 18 time to receive it if we went ahead with that 19

recommendation.

20 Q Where does it say in your letter that you were 21 recommending this reaudit assignment, sir?

A That was the nature of the discussion with

23 Kathleen Carson.

Q Was there a discussion as to why you did not

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A This was a request of mine at that time that was documented in this letter.

Q And the request was denied?

A No, the request was not denied. It was neither denied nor accepted by Ms. Carson. She said that she would review it with Mr. McCarron and they would get

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Q And did you feel that you needed that reaudit work as part of the -- strike that, in order to 10

formulate any of the opinions reflected in your 11

12 August 2002 report?

13 A No.

14 Q What would you have employed the product of this 15 reauditing task for in connection with your August 2002 report? 16

17 A To evaluate Mr. DeBruyn's work.

18 Q DeBruyn.

19 A Sorry.

20 MR. McCARRON: It's spelled the same, D-E-B-R-Y-N20

21 THE WITNESS: U-Y-N.

22 MR. McCARRON: U-Y-N.

23 MR. McGLYNN: You got the spelling right. It's just

24 the pronunciation.

draft that would become a final work paper document, I 2 didn't need those notes anymore.

3 Q How long did this teleconference last 4 approximately?

A 45 minutes to maybe an hour and 15 minutes, 5 somewhere in that time frame is my recollection. 6

7 Q And this teleconference was held on the 20th of 8 August, 2002? 9

A That's what the document indicates, yes, sir.

Q Is that your recollection of the date --

A I don't have a recollection until I look at the 11 document, and then it gives me a recollection. I would 12

have made sure I put the right date on it when I 13 14 finalized it.

Q Your recollection having been refreshed by 15 looking at this document, a conference was held on 16 17 August 20, 2002?

18 A Yes, sir.

MR. McGLYNN: Can I have that marked as the next exhibit, please?

(Document marked Exhibit No. 10.)

Q And this particular conference occurred the day before you issued your report, Brenner Exhibit 1?

A I'm not sure if it was the day before I issued

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MR. McCARRON: Never mind.

2 MR. McGLYNN: Q Now, sir, in connection with your

initial report, you had a teleconference call with, 3

among others, Mr. Bruce Brown, correct? 4

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Q And this document was produced by Mr. McCarron's

firm and it's identified as Brenner bates stamp 004

through 0012. Can you identify that, sir? 8 9

A Yes, sir.

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A Most likely there was an initial draft that

12 Mr. Jefferis put together and I then took that draft and my notes and my memory and worked on what I thought 13

would help clarify the draft and had it typed. 14

15 Q Did you prepare notes of the telephonic

16 conference?

17 A Mr. Jefferis had some notes and I had some 18 notes, rather cryptic, but we had some notes.

19 Q Did you produce those notes to the McCarron

20 firm?

21 A No. They don't exist.

22 Q You destroyed them?

23 A Once I expanded and made sure that I had

everything from Mr. Jefferis and my notes in the revised

the report. It's one day before the date on the report.

Q Did you issue this report, Brenner Exhibit 1, on any date other than August 21, 2002?

A I'm not sure. It probably would have been the 21st, but it could have been the next day. Sometimes you're working on a report and you work into the evening and you've got to do some revisions and drafts and it might be the next day before it gets finalized.

9 Q All right. On this Exhibit 10, DLB, I presume, 10 is you, Donald L. Brenner?

A Yes, sir.

Q And did you rely on the information that

Mr. Brown provided you during this telephone conference 13 14 in connection with formulating the opinions reflected in

15 Brenner Exhibit 1?

> A Well, as I indicated in my written report, this, along with every other source of data and document that

I gave consideration to, formulated the basis for the 18

19 information upon which I expressed my opinions. 20

Q What was the -- strike that.

Please take a look at page 1 of 9, sir. Do you 21

22 have that in front of you?

23 A Yes, sir.

Q Under Project Review, you asked specifically,